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In Re Application of:)
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Serial No.: 09/685,698)
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Art Unit: 2813)
Examiner: Laura M. Schillinger)
Confirmation No: 3944)
For: EL DISPLAY DEVICE AND A METHOD)
OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i) copies of cited US patent and US patent application publications are not submitted herewith.

REFERENCES CITED HEREIN

US patent no. 7,298,347 submitted herein, is a US family member of Japanese patent application JP 2000-176246, which does not appear to have been prosecuted in the Japanese Patent Office. Japanese patent publication no. JP 2002-72964 claims priority to

JP 2000-176246, and was published on March 12, 2002. Therefore, US 7,298,347 appears to be in the same family as JP 2002-72964.

No inference should be drawn that the attached list sets forth a comprehensive investigation of the prior art, that any or all are pertinent to the invention, or that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

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